



Vegetables

Virginia vegetable producers experienced a relatively dry period during the growing season in 2007. Spring brought some unseasonably warm weather followed by dry summer months with periodic isolated showers. The weather remained dry through the fall with an absence of tropical storms and other extreme weather. Much needed rain came late in the spring and in early summer months improving the vegetable crop conditions. Virginia's fresh market vegetable producers harvested 18,500 acres of crop, valued at over \$90.9 million in 2007. These numbers compare to 18,800 acres and \$121

million last year. Snap beans and watermelon yields increased, while cucumber, sweet corn and tomatoes yields decreased as compared to 2006. When compared to last year, cabbage, cucumber, snap beans, and watermelon prices increased by \$3.30, \$0.60, \$3.00, and \$0.70 per hundredweight respectively. On the other hand, sweet corn price decreased by \$0.20 per hundredweight, and tomato price decreased by \$8.00 per hundredweight.

SELECTED VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET, 2007 ^{1/}

	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Dollars	Total
	-acres-	-acres-	-cwt-	-000 cwt-	-per cwt-	-000 dols.-
Cabbage	850	800	190	152	12.50	1,900
Cucumbers	2,200	2,100	40	84	18.70	1,571
Snap Beans	5,200	5,000	56	280	39.00	10,920
Sweet Corn	3,500	3,400	88	299	17.00	5,083
Tomatoes	5,500	5,400	339	1,831	36.20	66,282
Watermelon	1,900	1,800	230	414	12.50	5,175
Total	19,150	18,500		3,060		90,931

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